

EQUINE

Inventory of all equine in the New England region totaled 108,000 head as of January 1, 1999. Equine includes horses, ponies, mules, burros and donkeys located both on and off farms. The January 1, 1999 count marks the first time equine statistics were published for the six-state region and Nationwide with off-farm animals included in the total inventory. Equine sold in New England totaled 7,600 head in 1998, with value of sales estimated at \$20.8 million. The 1997 Census of Agriculture contains the most recent data for equine on New England farms with 37,582 head as of December 31, 1997. By state, the on-farm equine count was 6,932 in Connecticut, 5,860 in Maine, 9,706 in Massachusetts, 4,829 in New Hampshire, 1,146 in Rhode Island and 9,109 in Vermont.

As of fiscal year 2000, the equine program was reduced due to federal budgetary constraints. The next off-farm equine survey is now planned for January 1, 2003 so that data can be combined with the December 31, 2002 on-farm data from the 2002 Census of Agriculture. This combination will then provide a snapshot of all equine across the nation both on farms and off.

As of December 2000, this is the most recent information on the subject. The next publication is scheduled to contain equine inventory statistics for January 1, 2003 and sales for 2002. This timetable is so that equine efforts will be coordinated with the 2002 Census of Agriculture which measures equine inventory and sales on farms.

**EQUINE: ^{1/} Inventory January 1, 1998 - 1999,
Number Sold and Value of Sales, 1997 - 1998**

STATE & YEAR	Inventory January 1	Number Sold During the Previous Year	Value of Sales During the Previous Year
	1,000 Head		1,000 Dollars
Connecticut			
1998	25.0	2.0	10,400
1999	26.0	2.0	10,400
Maine			
1998	16.0	1.0	1,600
1999	17.0	1.0	1,600
Massachusetts			
1998	35.0	2.0	4,000
1999	35.0	2.0	4,000
New Hampshire			
1998	7.0	0.5	1,200
1999	8.0	0.5	1,200
Rhode Island			
1998	2.0	0.1	620
1999	2.0	0.1	620
Vermont			
1998	19.0	2.0	3,000
1999	20.0	2.0	3,000
New England			
1998	104.0	7.6	20,820
1999	108.0	7.6	20,820

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